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David W. Miles  
President, Iowa Board of Regents  
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Dear Regent Miles:

We are encouraged by the Iowa Board of Regents' decision to reopen its investigation into whether University of Iowa officials complied with policies and procedures following allegations of a sexual assault on October 14, 2007, on the University's campus. The Board also deserves credit for selecting an outside investigator to lead this inquiry.

Make no mistake about it: We are gravely concerned about allegations of a sexual assault at a campus residence hall, allegations that University officials withheld information from the Regents and other Iowans and that the University's procedures and timelines were not followed, as well as reports of an attempted cover up by the University of Iowa.

We are hopeful that University employees and others will fully cooperate with this new investigation. Iowans deserve nothing less. At the same time, we are offering our assistance and support in this new investigation. If at any time you believe that you are not receiving the full cooperation of University of Iowa employees and others, we encourage you to contact us immediately so that we can exercise our option to seek subpoena powers and bring witnesses before the Oversight Committee in a timely manner to ensure a full and open investigation.

Finally, as Co-Chairs of the Joint Government Oversight Committee, we look forward to reviewing the results of the reopened investigation and any subsequent recommendations. We request the presence of you and/or any other appropriate members of the Board of Regents at a special September 19 meeting of the Joint Oversight Committee to provide an update of the new investigation and to discuss proposed policy changes at the University of Iowa and the Board of Regents.

Thanks for your service and for your leadership on this important investigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Courtney".

Sen. Tom Courtney  
Chair, Senate Government Oversight Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicki Lensing".

Rep. Vicki Lensing  
Chair, House Government Oversight Committee